

## In the Claims

The status of claims in the case is as follows:

1 / 1. [Currently amended] A method for defining the layout  
2 of a collaboration space, comprising:

3 ~~Method for controlling the layout of components of a user~~  
4 ~~interface to collaboration space, comprising the steps of:~~

5 ~~— rendering individually addressable and placing on a~~  
6 ~~page each said component; and~~

7 ~~— rendering components on said page equivalent to~~  
8 ~~collaboration space tags for importation into said~~  
9 ~~collaboration space for defining a skin group including~~  
10 ~~a custom plurality of different display modes for use~~  
11 ~~thereafter in instantiating said user interface~~

12 providing for each component of said layout a  
13 respective component tag, said components including  
14 logo, side bar, page content, action bar, and tool bar  
15 components;

16 end user defining for each of a plurality of modes of  
17 operation a skin including said component tags for  
18 representing each component selected for said mode of  
19 operation, said modes of operation including page view,  
20 page edit, list folder view, headline folder view, and  
21 slide show folder view;

22 end user creating a skin group comprising said skins  
23 for all of said modes of operation; and

24 end user importing said skin group into said  
25 collaboration space.

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1 2. [Currently amended] The method of claim 1, said  
2 [[page]] layout being an HTML page and said collaboration  
3 space being a place.

1 3. [Original] The method of claim 2, said place being a  
2 file directory.

1 4. [Currently amended] The method of claim [[1]] 2,  
2 further comprising the step of:

3 dragging and dropping said page from a user desktop to

4 an output control for uploading to a collaboration  
5 space server.

1 5. [Currently amended] The method of claim 1, further  
2 comprising the step of organizing said collaboration space  
3 according to an object model ~~selectively including~~  
4 consisting of place, room, folder, page, member, form,  
5 field, placetype, roomtype, skin, and placebot objects.

B' 1 6. [Currently amended] The method of claim 1, said  
2 components ~~including~~ consisting of logo, table of contents,  
3 action bar, tool bar, and page content, and said display  
4 modes ~~including~~ consisting of page read mode, page edit  
5 mode, folder list/response, folder headline, and folder  
slide show.

1 7. [Original] The method of claim 1, said tags further  
2 providing links to other collaboration space resources.

1 8. [Original] The method of claim 2, further comprising  
2 the steps of:

3 integrating said collaboration space with an existing  
4 web site by including in said page links to network

5 resources.

1 9. [Previously amended] The method of claim 1, further  
2 comprising the step of:

3 uploading said page to a server for caching in a cache  
4 of skin groups.

1 10. [Previously amended] The method of claim 1, further  
2 comprising the step of:

B | 3 presenting to said user interface a gallery of themes  
4 from which a user may choose and optionally tweak a  
5 visual site design for rendering said collaboration  
6 space to said user.

1 11. [Currently amended] The method of claim 10, further  
2 comprising the steps of:

3 tweaking a theme by selecting basic property changes  
4 through said user interface to specific classes of  
5 [[said]] a style sheet; and

6 operating a collaboration space server to feed said

7 changes to said style sheet.

1 /12. [Currently amended] A method for controlling the style  
2 and layout of a collaboration space user interface,  
3 comprising the steps of:

4 providing for each component of said layout a  
5 respective component tag, said components including  
6 logo, side bar, page content, action bar, and tool bar  
7 components;

8 a user establishing a skin group including a set of  
9 hypertext markup language pages and a common style  
10 sheet page for ~~defining~~ organizing said components into  
11 a plurality of different display modes for said user  
12 interface, said modes including page view, page edit,  
13 list folder view, headline folder view, and slide show  
14 folder view;

15 specifying component positioning in said user interface  
16 in said set of hypertext markup language pages; [[and]]

17 specifying font, size and color style in said common  
18 style sheet page; and

19        said user importing said skin group into said  
20        collaboration space.

1        13. [Original] The method of claim 12, further comprising  
2        the steps of:

3                rendering each said component on said hypertext markup  
4                language pages individually addressable.

1        14. [Previously amended] The method of claim 12, further  
2        comprising the steps of:

3                rendering in said skin group said hypertext markup  
4                language and style sheet pages responsive to  
5                collaboration space tags; and

6                responsive to a request from a user, importing said  
7                skin group into a place for instantiating said user  
8                interface.

1        15. [Original] The method of claim 14, further comprising  
2        the step of providing links from said skin group to other  
3        collaboration space and system resources.

1 16. [Original] The method of claim 14, further comprising  
2 the step of:

3 responsive to said skin group, rendering said  
4 collaboration space to said user through said user  
5 interface.

B' 1 17. [Previously amended] The method of claim 16, further  
2 comprising the steps of:

3 presenting to said user a gallery of skin groups from  
4 which to choose a visual site design for expressing the  
5 identity and suiting the work to be done by a project  
6 or team.

1 18. [Previously amended] The method of claim 16, further  
2 comprising the step of

3 presenting to said user a gallery of skin groups from  
4 which to choose a visual site design for rebranding a  
5 collaboration space for inhouse applications.

1 19. [Original] The method of claim 16, further comprising

2 the step of

3 presenting said collaboration space to said user  
4 through a skin group tailored to the identity of said  
5 user.

1 20. [Original] The method of claim 19, said skin group  
2 structuring said interface for communication with a  
3 physically challenged user.

1 21. [Original] The method of claim 16, further comprising  
2 the steps of:

3 developing a theme for applying a common look and feel  
4 to multiple layouts by applying code from one layout to  
5 all layouts for which a file has not been explicitly  
6 supplied.

1 22. [Original] The method of claim 18, further comprising  
2 the steps of:

3 including in said gallery of themes a default style  
4 sheet including a plurality of selectors;



5 for specific selectors in a user style sheet tweaked by  
6 said user, changing said specific selectors; and

7 for other selectors in said user style sheet not  
8 tweaked by said user, using a corresponding selector  
9 from said default style sheet in said user style sheet.

1 / 23. [Currently amended] System for ~~controlling~~ designing  
2 the style and layout of a collaboration space user  
3 interface, comprising:  
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5 a skin group including at least one hypertext markup  
6 language page and at least one common style sheet page  
7 for defining a plurality of different display modes for  
8 said user interface, said skin group comprising a  
9 plurality of modes of operation, each mode of operation  
10 including a plurality of components, said modes of  
11 operation including page view, page edit, list folder  
12 view, headline folder view, and slide show folder view,  
13 and said components including logo, side bar, page  
14 content, action bar, and tool bar components;

15 said hypertext markup language page for specifying  
16 components positioning within said user interface; and

17 said common style sheet page specifying font, size and  
18 color style for said components.

1 24. [Original] The system of claim 23, further comprising:  
2 an output control for receiving said pages from a  
3 local storage for uploading to a collaboration space  
4 server.

1 25. [Original] The system of claim 24, further comprising:  
2 a drag and drop facility for dragging and dropping said  
3 pages from a desktop to said output control.

1 26. [Currently amended] The system of claim 24, said  
2 collaboration space server converting said hypertext markup  
3 language pages and style sheet to a skin group by applying  
4 ~~collaboration space~~ component tags for each said component  
5 to said hypertext markup languages pages.

1 27. [Original] The system of claim 23, said collaboration  
2 space being structured according to an object model  
3 selectively including place, room, folder, page, member,  
4 form, field, placetype, roomtype, skin, and placebot

5 objects.

1 28. [Currently amended] The system of claim 23, said  
2 components ~~including~~ consisting of logo, table of contents,  
3 actions, tools, and page content.

B 1 29. [Currently amended] The system of claim 26, said skin  
2 group ~~comprising~~ consisting of a page read mode, page edit  
3 mode, a folder list and response, a folder headline, and a  
4 folder slide show pages and a style sheet page for defining  
5 said look and feel of said user interface and for providing  
6 links to other collaboration space resources.

1 30. [Original] The system of claim 27, further comprising:

2 a main room having a first theme for defining its look  
3 and feel;

4 a subroom linked to said main room;

5 said subroom inheriting said first theme unless a  
6 custom theme has been defined for said subroom.

1 / 31. [Currently amended] A program storage device readable

2 by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions  
3 executable by a machine to perform method steps for  
4 controlling the layout of collaboration space user interface  
5 components, said method steps comprising:

6 ~~rendering individually addressable and placing on a~~  
7 ~~page each said user interface component; and~~

8 ~~— rendering components on said page equivalent to~~  
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23           end user creating a skin group comprising said skins  
24           for all of said modes of operation; and  
  
25           end user importing said skin group into said  
26           collaboration space.

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3       executable by a machine to perform method steps for  
4       controlling the style and layout of a collaboration space  
5       user interface, said method steps comprising:

6           providing for each component of said layout a  
7           respective component tag, said components including  
8           logo, side bar, page content, action bar, and tool bar  
9           components;

10          establishing a skin group including a set of hypertext  
11          markup language pages and a common style sheet page for  
12          defining a plurality of different display modes for  
13          said user interface, said modes including page view,  
14          page edit, list folder view, headline folder view, and

15           slide show folder view;

16           specifying component positioning in said user interface

17           in said set of hypertext markup language pages; [[and]]

18           specifying font, size and color style in said common

19           style sheet page; and

20           importing said skin group into said collaboration

21           space.

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